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THE number of pension certificates issued and signed during the week ending October 27th, was as follows: Original, 350; increase, 165; re-issue, 42; restoration, 16; duplicate, 16; arrears, 0; accrued pensions-48: pensions under act of March 3, 1883, 79; total, 716.

ONE hundred thousand subscribers by And if every reader of scriber, it would have many more than one hundred thousand by that time. The goal isat hand, comrades, -who will send us the ege bundred thousandth?

OUR readers will note with pleasure that the proliminary steps have been taken for The conference between the heads at Boston, last week, resulted in an agreement looking to an early consoliincreasing the interest which is felt in this | plished. Call the court-martial! Yours, &c., patriotic junior order and immensely stimu- To General Robert B. Beath, Commander-inlating its growth.

READ the interesting letter from Commander Douglas, printed in our Grand Army columns, this week, in regard to the growth of the Department of Utah, and the difficulties, arising from the hostility of the culcate devotion and loyalty to the flag. to contend. It is becoming more and more evident that upon the Grand Army will fall

ELSEWHERE in our columns, this week, will be found an interesting review of the charges in the case of Judge-elect Blandin, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is necessed of being a deserter from the Union army and, having thereby forfeited the right of citizenship, is claimed to be ineligible to office. As the case is about to come before the a writ of que warrante to test Mr. Blandin's eligibility, we shall not now discuss the legal points involved, but it will occur, we think, to every soldier who reads his defense that had he been really anxious to serve his country, he could, as others did after deserting, nave enlisted into another regiment. That would have But a very different face on the matter.

The Voice of Our Ex-Soldiers.

Has or has not Comrade Gresham, at presthe character of Comrade Paul Van Dervoort and refused to retract his charges after their falsity has been shown by credible witnesses and the records of his own Department? That is the issue before the Grand Army to-day, and in regard to which it is incumbent upon it to take official action, for, if Postmaster-General Gresham has so slandered Comrade Van Dervoort, he has violated his oath, and is no longer worthy of membership in the Order, and if Mr. Van Dervoort has been guilty of perjury (all his statements, be it remembered, were made under oath) in his testimony refuting Comrade Gresham's charges, he, on the other say Paul Van Dervoort ought to be reinstated and hand, is a fit subject for discipline.

There is the issue-clear, sharply-defined and unmistakeable. It will not down!

And what do our ex-soldiers think about it? By way of answer, we print the following letters, selected from among the immense number that we have received from our veterans since the first presentation of the Van Dervoort case in our columns:

The Adjutant of McCaslin Post, Paola, Kan., writes as follows:

the editorial regarding his removal from his office in Omaha. It is a lamentable and mortifying spectacle to see a man so completely dishonor himself and his exalted position as Postmaster-General Gresham has done in this disgraceful affair. Comrade Van Dervoort will have the thanks and indorsement of every honorable soldier and man in this Nation for his manly refusal of everything but a vindication of himself in the matter, and every one will insist that nothing short of this shall be received at the hands of General Gresham. THE TRIBUNE has the hearty support of the 250 members of McCaslin Post for its able editorial in defense of our late honored Commander-in-Chief, Let him have justice, if the whole Post-Office Department is raked from stem to gudgeon.

James G. Hamlin, formerly of company C, Eleventh New York cavalry, one of our subscribers at Blue Earth City, Minn.,

DEAR COMRADE: I have just finished reading your calm, dignified article on Paul Van Dervoort's dismissal, and I carnestly congratulate you upon to Locale the Cometery at Chattanooga-Re- | your position-not particularly as a member of the | case: moving the Dend-Superintendent Whitman's | G. A. R., but as a man whose loyalty to his com-Loving Work .- A SOLDIER'S PORTFOLIO rades, like his loyalty to his country in the hour of danger, stands the test of adversity and shines out more brightly after the touch of the calumniater Begun William Co-operation-On the Eve of has brushed aside the accumulating dusts and cobwebs of twenty years of peace, only to show the pure gold of which our noble army was composed. Bulway Travel-Fall Fashions-Experience Poor as I am, I would rather be a Paul Van Der-Bierting-Relief Corpe Work.—OUR RURAL | woort with his record and his friends than General Tortes: Questions and Answers.—A Novel Gresham with his Cabinet position and conscience Gresham with his Cabinet position and conscience. He, in the race for popular favor and the applause of the skim-milk reformers of the present, (who imagined they saw timber in his anatomical construction of which ideal Presidents are made,) has made a blunder which is becoming more and more apparent every time be speaks, and I say now let a petition be sent to every G. A. R. Post in our land. Let the preamble set forth the facts, and the resolutions stand by Paul Van Dervoort, who values his reputation above Gresham's "golden promises," and let them condemn the Postmaster-General-not as a Republican or Democrat, but as after he acknowledges that wrong has been done. ment-Honest and Dishonest Claim Agents - I am as anxious and as willing as any man who PUBLICATIONS, -THE CHICKANAUGA ever went to the front to see a comrade punished Fusp: Who Will Care for Gen. Steedman's whenever or wherever he deserves it, but I am emphatically opposed to sitting idly by and seeing an honored comrade publicly dishenored because, Case: Is a Deserter from the Union Army forsooth, a jealous man who has power says he is "too big a man for his place." I want the Grand Army to notify General Gresham that Paul Van Dervoort is "too big a man for him to crush." Let's call the roll and see where we are! What do

Another subscriber-Lafayette Soper, Co. A. Eleventh Vermont volunteers,-writes

from St. Johnsbury, Vt. : I personally thank you as an old soldier for what you have and are doing for the old veterans. The time, it seems to me, is not far distant when the old soldiers of both sections-North and Southporal Was h?-A Soldier's Bible Awaiting the can and will see the necessity of putting out of power a lot of politicians who only care for the power a lot of politicians who only care for the oaves and fishes and soft places under the Government, and I think the first man to step down and out should be Postmaster-General Greshama traitor to his obligations. He condemned our Past Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort unheard, and then, when all the charges were proved false, still refused to do him justice and reinstate him. Send him home, President Arthur!

And here is a copy of a letter addressed to Commander-in-Chief Beath by Comrade Albert S. Cole, of Nebraska City, Neb., than whom no more gallant officer accompanied Sherman on his "March to the Sea:"

NEBRASIA CITY, NEB., Oct. 20, 1883. SE: Van Dervoort vs. Gresham-who has lied? Our organization will have to stand or fall upon this issue, and the sooner the courtmartial is ordered the better for our Order. All personal feeling must give way to the cold, naked inquiry: Who is telling the troth of these two omrades? We cannot dodge the issue if we desire. Every honorably discharged soldier in the country is interested whether a member of our organization or not. The sooner it is determined the better. The for buncousbe by designing politicians and then put aside when, by his demonstration of his fitness for preferment, he becomes dangerous to a class of men who follow politics for a living, with no more principle than shoddy contractors had during the war. We have claimed for our Order something more than pure sentiment, and we will never have a better opportunity than now for demonstrating it. I may be mistaken, but I believe this matter means more than a mere removal of Paul Van Deryourt,-it means a stab in the dark to our entire organization,-and I believe that Gresham has been led to do what he would never have done could he dation which cannot but result in greatly have known what was intended to be accom-

> Chief, G. A. R., Philadelphia, Pa. Comrade C. H. Barton, Topeka, Kan.,

I have just read with deep interest the articles plaining the outrageous treatment of our Past National Commander, Comrade Paul Van Dervoort, by that unworthy comrade of the Grand Army, General Gresham. I hope his own Post-No. 17, Mormons to everything which tends to in- of Indianapolis, Ind,-will, for its own sake, see the necessity of calling him to account as false to his vows in having done such high-handed injuswith which the comrades there are forced | tice to a fellow comrade; as false to his obligations,

ete. What possesses the man to act thus towards with his own little ones. Who now will his late subordinate in office, who is head and shoulders above him in ability and all true soldierly the duty of ridding the Republic of the qualities? "Out upon such trash!" say I and thou- fatherless children? sands of others, as indicated by the not uncertain voice of our Kausas boys. You know that we are viper who thinks more of office than of right and

And this is what the Steuben Republican a representative journal of Indiana-Postmaster-General Gresham's own State-has

ease, and in refusing to reinstate him in a position from which he was removed without cause.

imperiant personage, but he should remember that but a few days previous to his removal he was in the world-to day-the Grand Army of the Remaster-General, and when Gresham stahs at the Commander or the weakest comrade of this organacts he shows that he knows Paul Van Dervoort to be immocent of every charge made against him.

If he does not, what right has he to offer him of the does not, what right has he to offer him of the confidence. The enjoyed special facilities, serving on the Potomac and in the West, for observation of the confidence. The enjoyed special facilities, serving on the Confedence and in the West, for observation of the confidence. The enjoyed special facilities, serving on the Confedence and in the West, for observation of the confidence and your pennies. Yes, pen-

is not worthy to be reinstated, is he worthy to be appointed to other responsible Government posi-Dervoort without adequate cause; and upon a clear showing of his innocence, has not had the manhood to own his own wrong and reinstate the discharged official. Mr. Van Dervoort is a poor man, but he counts among his friends Senators, Representatives and men high in official position in the army and navy, men whose word is all potent in the two great parties, and still greater, the silent influence of 250,000 comrades of the G. A. R., and these friends will not let up until Van Dervoort is vindicated and the false charge of neglect soldier and a noble-hearted man. He is innocent and should be reinstated. He never showed the desert his post of duty now. Mr. Gresham cannot | boys! dispose of his case by the assertion that he was not go down with those who are backing Van Dervoort, and Mr. Gresham has stirred up a larger hornet's nest than he bargained for. Again we vindicated. Let justice be done a brave soldier and a great wrong be righted.

Comrade J. G. N. Kibban, Adjutant of Osage Post, No. 156, McCune, Kan., writes: Inclosed find P. O. O. for \$6 for six new subscribamong the old veterans. They are all well pleased with your paper and the course you are taking in regard to the claims of the "boys in blue," and particularly so in regard to Comrade Van Dervoort, and I hope every Post of the G. A. R. will take the some one in Gresham's place who will do justice to the soldiers. The boys out here are going to spot every man who does not give us justice. Continue I have just read Paul Van Dervoort's card and to pour hot shot into the enemy's ranks, and we will all stand by you to the end.

Comrade Frank Evans, Adjutant of James Shields Post, No. 57, Wellington, Kan., writes

WEILINGTON, KAN., Oct. 24, 1883. To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Washington, D. C.

The following is a resolution adopted by our Post at its regular meeting, on October 20th, 1883: "Resolved, That James Shields Post, No. 57, Department of Kansas, G. A. R., heartily indorse the editorial remarks of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and that we, as a Post, deprecate as unjust and dictatorial the action of Postmaster Gresham in removng, without cause, Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Dervoort from the postal service." By motion the Adjutant was instructed to for-

ward copy to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Yours, in F., C., and L., FRANK EVANS, Adjutant. And last, but not lesst, here is the dis-

passionate view which Department Commander Fielder, of New Jersev, takes of the

HEADO'RS DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 25, 1883.

I have read with much interest the communication of Comrade Paul Van Dervoort, published in the issue of your paper of the 18th of October inst., together with your editorial comments touching the action of Postmaster-General Gresham.

Both communication and editorial have been carefully considered by me, and I implicitly believe Comrade Van Dervoort's statements, and regard your criticism of the Postmaster-General's action as fully warranted by the evidence. The character of Comrade Van Dervoort is, in my judgment, above suspicion, his veracity and integrity I am charitable enough to think that misrepre-

sentations have been made to Comrade Gresham by which his judgment has been warped, and he that such is the case, for I should be sorry to be compelled to believe that one comrade could wanthe Postmuster-General prides himself upon-an honest name and an umblemished character. I trust that an investigation of this matter by a committee of the Grand Army can and will be

avoided, and that ere this the Postmaster-General will have so fully acquainted himself with the facts of the case, that he will freely, fully and publiely vindicate the character of our generous, noble and patriotic comrade, Paul Van Dervoort. In case this is not done, I am in favor of the appointment by the Grand Army of the Republic of

a committee of investigation. Yours, in C., F. and L. GEO. B. FIFEDER,

Department Commander. And now, comrades, let us hear from you all—as Posts as well as individuals! Shall the Grand Army stand by and permit the character of one of its comrades to be assailed by another comrade, or shall it call the slanderer to account?

General Steedman-A Debt of Grailtude. Said the great Lincoln, in his second in-

With malice toward none, with charity for ell, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see are in; to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves

and with all nations. If ever there was a man who bore the battle-nay, bore the very brunt of battle-it was the late General James B. Steedman, of Toledo, Ohio-"Old Chickamauga," as, to the day of his death, his loving and admiring veterans called him. It was Steedman who, equal to the occasion and superior to nestion is, whether or not the soldier can be used his orders, anticipated the event of Chickamanga, and coming down on that bloody field with the swiftness and unexpectedness of a Western blizzard, saved the day to General Thomas and the Army of the Cumberland! Well might the great Lincoln have had this old hero-a hero whose gallantry he himself honored with the stars of a Major-General-in his mind when he uttered that sublime appeal to the Nation to "care for him who shall have borne the bat-

tle, and for his widow and his orphan." brave soldier, this ardent patriot, this largefor the needy families of his dead compansublished in The Tribune of October 18, fully ex- ions-in-arms, died leaving his own family helpless and impoverished-a young and delicate wife, the loving and devoted helpmeet of his old age, three wee childrennone over five years old-and two orphaned grandchildren, equally dependent care for this broken-hearted wife and these

Ah, comrades, we know what you are with you in any honorable efforts to squelch the going to say, though your eyes are dim with which chokes the reply that is in your who has borne the battle and the helpless mistake in his treatment of Paul Van Dervoor's that suspicious rag under the bricks in the viding I did not meanwhile starve to death. hearthstone-turn your pockets inside out, the Commander-in-Chief of an army of 250,006 this young wife of our brave old comrade to veterans—as grand a body of men as can be found be turned out of that home so lately enpublic. This position was a grander one than Post. deared by a hero's presence, and suffer these little innocents to be thrown upon the | the rebel army!" ization, he stabs at every member Percof. By his charity of the cold, cold world? No! you

ing, however small. All contributions will

too big for his place." Such explanations will G. A. R. Membership-An Unjust Require-

Frank Lowry Post, No. 157, De Witt, Ill., in which he urges the importance of modifying article 4, chap. 1, of the Rules and Regulaers that I have picked up in my scouting around | tions of the Grand Army, as follows: "No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States," so that its effect will not be, matter up and compel President Arthur to put as it is at present, to exclude from membership in the Order such honorably discharged ex-soldiers of the Union army as, prior to their enlistment in the Union service, had been forcibly impressed into the Confederate service. The case which has prompted Comrade Van Buren to raise this question as | Gen. W. W. Dudley, Commissioner of Pento the propriety of modifying the above provision of the Rules and Regulations is that of Isaac Gailey, who was born and raised in Washington county, Tenn., and was duly title opprobrious, as if it was the profession and honorably mustered out of the U.S. volunteer service as a member of the Eighth | that is disgraceful—on charges of violating Tennessee cavalry, but who, nevertheless, the pension laws and failing to conform to on the ground that prior to his enlistment | the requirements of the Pension Office. In in that regiment he was compelled by the some of these cases the charges, if proved, Confederates to involuntarily bear arms are certainly sufficient to warrant the peragainst the United States, is denied admission to the Grand Army. It is not charged | guilty they should be shown no mercy,it is said that he eagerly embraced the first | the fact that one attorney was, almost immeopportunity he had of risking his life in | diately upon his suspension, restored to pracdefense of the Union; but, inasmuch as this | tice, would seem to indicate. And right here | him. provision of the Rules and Regulations it should be said, that while it is unqueswhich we have quoted makes no distinction | tionably the duty of Commissioner Dudley between those who entered the Confederate will, and who abandoned it at the first opportunity, he is, of course, technically ineligible. The fact is, we suppose, that it selves have been notified of the charges did not occur to the framers of these Rules and Regulations when in addition to the to disprove them if they can. Suspension has been led into doing an injustice; at least, I hope | ship must bold honorable discharges from | but the general public do not know this, the Union service, they adopted the further and are, therefore, inclined to look upon tonly and heartlessly deprive another of that which | proviso that none should be eligible who | every pension attorney who is suspended as had at any time borne arms against the a convicted rogue, when, as a matter of fact, United States, that any cases were likely to he is simply in the position of any man who ship would conflict with each other, but the upon being tried for his offense, may prove truth is that the case which we have cited to be innocent. It does not seem either and especially in the Department of Ten- up to the gaze of the public as a criminal

get a foothold. As everybody knows, Tennessee was for in behalf of their faith as were entirely unknown at the North. Not only was too frequently involved the loss of all they of the thousands of these brave Tennesseethe best soldiers we had, for they had as an all our veterans, but the desire to protect their own homes and families, to the safety forces in Tennessee was a constant menace.

Comrade Van Buren gives a truthful and very forcible presentation of the matter in the letter to which we have alluded. He

You doubtless remember the brave boys of Tennessee, and parts of other States, who, before they could get away, unfortunately fell into the hands of a set of merciless rebels, and were forced at the point of the bayonet to fight against their country, It was for them either to be hung or shot, or enter His widow and his orphan! Alas, this the Confederate service. They had but these two nliternates to choose from. You will also remember that some of them did choose death in preference hearted comrade, who cared so faithfully to firing on the old flag. Of those, however, who chose the other alternative, I do not believe there obtained. I have succeeded in obtaining from Conwas one who did so simply from fear of death, but through the hope of escape, and of banding together with other loyal men and taking a bitter revenge on their enemies. And did they not do it? Show me a historian, North or South, who will deny that they did! They were the most determined fighting men we had. Call to mind old Brownlow's First cavalry, the Eighth cavalry and the Sixth infantry! I speak of these regiments because I personally know what sort of service they rendered. I saw, myself, hard service in the war but it does not count for much compared with what if cost these brave men to be loyal to their country. Every Tennessee regiment numbered among its George G. Dibbrell, E. McNair, E. Capers, Henry members some of these self-sacrifising men who C. members some of these self-sterificing men who braved the untold dangers and bardships involved in deserting the Confederate service and joining the Union army—the partiality of being shot if tears, and there's a big lump in the throat the Union army-the certainty of being shot if taken prisoner, and of having their property confiscated and their families turned out upon the carts. You will care for the widow of him | world. Did I, an Illinois soldier, run any such risks when I enlisted? Ah, no! the whole Union army stood like a living wall between rebellion orphans! Out, then, with your purses, fat or and my friends and property, and I knew that Postmaster-General Gresham has made a big lean, the old stocking in the cupboard and even if I should be taken prisoner there would still be a chance that I would be exchanged, pro-I am only a poor brick-maker and builder, who rellied around the old flag at a time when I should Perhaps Mr. Gresham thinks Van Dervoort is an comrades, and let us see what your sym- otherwise have been at school, but I am ready to pathy is worth in cash! Will you permit do all I can for the Grand Army. I regard it as a tributed, by gift or loan, most valuable books and

> hard to have to say to a brother soldier who proved his devotion to the cause by long years of ardnous service: "You cannot come in here; you were in the rebel army!"
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> In our judgment, the case which Comrade
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> Van Buren presents fully warrants a modi
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other positions in the Government service? If he nies even, for it will take many a mickle to and Regulations of the Grand Army to make a muckle of largess for these depend- which we have referred, and the question is of ent Postmaster-General, publicly assaile! tions? The facts are, Mr. Gresham removed Van ents on your fraternal bounty. THE TRIB- sufficient moment, we think, to merit the UNE is ready to lead off, as usual, and has attention of every Department of the Grand headed a subscription paper with \$25 for Army, and upon which to instruct delethe "Chickamauga Fund," to which we gates to the next National Encampment, hope every one of our subscribers-men, where we trust it will be made the subject women and children-will add some offer- of earnest and full consideration. It was not the intention of the founders of the be duly acknowledged, and we trust the Order and it is certainly not the presof duty is removed from the record of a brave, true total will foot up a sum that will place ent desire of its members, to exclude our dead comrade's little family beyond the from membership any honorably diswhite feather on the field of battle and would not reach of poverty and want. The list is open, charged ex-Union soldiers, because, prior to his enlistment in our armies, he rendered involuntary service in the Confederate army, and the antagonistic clause Department Commander Jones, of Tenshould either be modified so as to read: nessee, has kindly directed our attention to "No person shall be eligible to membership a letter from Comrade John Van Buren, of who has at any time voluntarily borne arms against the United States," or otherwise amended so as not to exclude from the Grand Army any ex-soldier who is really worthy of membership in it. Of course, care should be taken that no modification is made which will let down the bars to soldiers who voluntarily rendered service to the Confeder-

> Honest and Dishonest Claim Agents. During the past week or ten days, Secretary Teller, of the Interior Department, has suspended, upon the recommendation of sions, quite a number of pension attorneys, or claim agents-we note that some of the newspapers seem anxious to make the very itself, instead of the illegal practice of it, manent disbarment of the offenders-and if | ment. against him that he was at any time lacking | while in others they appear to have been in loyalty to the United States, and, indeed, made without sufficient reason, -as, indeed, to weed out every rogue from the list of were forcibly impressed into it against their | cordance with the requirements of justice that the names of these suspended attorneys should be made public before they themagainst them, and afforded an opportunity requirement that applicants for member- is by no means equivalent to disbarment, occur in which these conditions of member- is charged with violating the law, but who, is but one of many that are likely to arise, right or fair that any man should be held nessee, where the Order is just beginning to | until his guilt has been legally ascertained and his case disposed of.

With this limitation, however, Commisa long time the theater of the most active | sioner Dudley's course will command hearty approval. It is certainly to the interest of were compelled to make such sacrifices, our ex-soldiers, as well as the Government, incur such risks and make such hardships that pension attorneys who are guilty of swindling their clients or the Pension Office should be broken on the wheel of justice, and their property liable to be destroyed at | it is equally true that their permanent disany time by the Confederate armies, but barment would be a good riddance to such insult and cruelty, and fidelity to the Union | business strictly conform to the statute law and the rulings of the Pension Bureau the right, let us strive on to finish the work we held dear on earth. The records show that We are even more anxious than Commissioner Dudley to see this investigaand his orphan-to do all which may achieve and ans who were conscripted into the Confed- tion thoroughly made and the whole truth erate service very many deserted at the first | as to the conduct of the claim agency busiopportunity and enlisted in the armies of ness brought out, for until that shall have the United States, and, indeed, the volunteer | been done the newspapers will be sure regiments from Tennessee were partially re- to be filled with extravagant, sensational, cruited from men of this class. They made and untruthful reports, and the work of adjusting pending claims, which is of pressing incentive to bravery not simply the love of importance to needy claimants, will necescountry, which was possessed in common by sarily be more or less delayed. Commissioner Dudley, we are sure, will have the cordial aid of all honest claim agents in of which the presence of the Confederate | this investigation, and will find them as ready to produce the complete record in every case as dishonest attorneys are anxious to withhold and secrete it.

> CONFEDERATE RECORDS. The Progress that Agent Wright has Made in Collecting them. The following circular has just been issued

from the War Department: WAR DEPARTMENT

PUBLICATION OFFICE, WAR RECORDS 1861-'65, SIR: I was appointed on July 1, 1878, by the Secretary of War an agent for the purpose of collecting for the use of the Government such records of late war (on the Confederate side) as could be I have been enabled to obtain copies of the large and valuable collection of Confederate records collected by the Southern Historical Society at Richmond, Va., including papers and records of field operations during the war, and many of the most valuable records of the heads of departments and

Besides these, Generals Joseph E. Johnston, G. T. Beauregard, E. Kiroy Smith, Joseph Wheeler, A. P. Stewart, John C. Pemberton, S. G. French, A. P. Stewart, John C. Pemberton, S. G. French, Bushrod R. Johnson, C. L. Stevenson, John C. Brown, E. P. Alexander, Johnson Hagood, William Steele, Daniel Ruggles, W. N. B. Beall, D. H. Hill, S. B. Maxey, James R. Chalmers, J. A. Early, T. T. Munford, Bradley T. Johnson, J. W. Frazer, B. J. Hill, James H. Lane, Samuel Jones, J. C. Tappan, B. J. Hill, Captain James E. Beasley, Captain A. S. Cunningham, Hon. Jefferson Davis, Governor James D. Porter, Mrs. L. O'B. Branch, Mrs. S. K. Hatton, Mrs. W. H. C. Whiting, Miss M. Zollicoffer, Hatton, Mrs. W. H. C. Whiting, Miss M. Zoincetter,
Mrs. D. H. Cooper, Mrs. R. P. Trabue, Mrs. N. B.
Forrest, Mrs. Mary Finley, Mrs. Annie E. Cole,
Captain J. Cabell Breckinridge, Captain William
M. Polk, Drs. R. R. Dashlell, S. P. Moore, R. R.
Stevenson, Colonels Charles Marshall, Charles C.
Jones, Jr., Isaac W. Avery, Captain Howard W.
Newman, Mrs. E. V. D. Miller, Captains John F.
Mayor W. J. P. Dovie, Msior W. T. Walthall Mayer, W. J. P. Doyle, Major W. T. Waithall, Colonel E. J. Harvie, John D. Martin, Esq., Cap-tains A. J. Miller, T. B. Heistan, Governor Jarvis, of North Carolina, Rev. J. William Jones, Governor A. S. Marks, of Tennessee, and others, have con- of his lonely widow, to help train up to useful great family in which I want to see every worthy | papers to the Department.

previously in the possession of the Department, six volumes have, up to this date, (January, 1883,) been nothing but patriation and biodices, multished by authority of Congression. survivor of the Union armies included, and it is

preserve them precisely as they are for the use of the historian, or such other disposition as Congress may direct. It will, of course, be impossible to make this publication complete if any of the re-cords are withheid from the Government; besides, such action would be unjust to the actors in this great struggle by depriving them of their proper

place in history.

While the most important large collections of Confederate papers have been obtained, it is known that many very valuable papers are still in the hands of persons who have not yet been reached, and as these are important to a full and complete history of the Confederate armies it is honed that none wil be withheld, but that all parties having custody of such papers will submit them for the examination of the officer charged with the publication of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion. There are, doubtless, many valuable documents

scattered over the country, and only preserved by the owners as souvenirs of their own parts in the war. These being in perishable form and liable to be destroyed at any time, no delay should be alament, where they will be put in print and preserved from the chances destruction To persons having such records and not desiring to part with their ownership, but who are willing to have their contents preserved and made public, I am authorized to say that, if delivered to this office for the purpose above indicated, they will be duly returned to the owners.

Packages of papers too large to send conveniently by mail may be sent by express at the expense of the Department. All packages or letters should be addressed to me as indicated at the head of this

MARCUS J. WRIGHT, Agent of the War Dep't. Bvt. Lieut.-Col. U. S. A., in Charge of Publication.

THE CHICKAMAUGA FUND. Who Will Care for General Steedman's Helpless Little Family Now 1

The Ohio papers are leading off in the matter of a relief fund for the benefit of the family of the late General James B. Steedman, of trustees to receive all contributions and expend the same for the object intended.

On the evening of the 24th ult, a meeting of the comrades of Forsyth Post, Toledo, was held, when it was resolved that Department Commander Clarke be asked to call upon the Posts of Ohio to contribute ten cents per capita to erect a monument to their old Commander. Forsyth Post will pay the half of the funeral expenses, sharing with the police, of which General Steedman at the time of his death was chief. So much for the monument and present expenses. At the same meeting it was resolved to lead off in the matter of a relief fund for the General's little child-wife, left with three little children, all under five years, and two young grandchildren. Several of the secular papers of Ohio have on their own motion already moved off in the matter, including the Toledo Bee and Cleveland Penny Press, while the Toledo Blade gives its hearty sanction to the move-

It is peculiarly fitting that the memory of "Old Chickamanga," as the great volunteer tell them how a grateful people watched over and provided for the dear ones death had separated soldier was familiarly and affectionately called, should be thus honored, and that his widow and children should receive from his old comrades in arms that protection and core he so steadily advocated as the right of those of his comrades who dropped from the ranks before

General Steedman was emphatically the exponent and defender of the volunteer soldier, and was himself the embodiment of the unselfish spirit of devotion to home and country which animated the men who fought in the ranks. He was their leader in war, their advocate in peace. He was one of the very first to enlist to fight the battles of his country and make for it an imperishable memory upon many a bard-fought battlefield, and one of the first to enroll his name as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and institute as | Post, No. 84, of Lancaster, Pa., has just issued strong a fight for the rights of veterans before | the third edition of his Soldiers Song Book, against the enemy in the field. His whole life of the war. The collection is a good one, was a marked exemplification of the objects of and the book is well bound and printed. It is the Order as set forth in Rules and Regula- published by John A. Hiestand, Lancaster, Pa.,

1. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feetings which bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead

2. To assist such former comrades in arms as need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orohans of those who have

States of America, based upon a paramount respect for, and fidelity to, the National Constitution and aws: to discountenance whatever tends to weaken yalty, incites to insurrection, treason, or rebel ermanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights

GENERAL STEEDMAN'S FIRST ORDER. taking command of the Department of Ohio in 1879, sets forth in characters that glow with ing spirit of his life:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ORIO. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

TOLEDO, OHIO, May, 15, 1879. Circular Order, No. 1.] To the Veteran Soldiers and Sailors and the Patriotic Women of Ohio: The times are ripe for the perfection of the Grand Army of the Republic. Not a military organiza-tion, not a political machine, but a unified, solidified federation of veterans, whose patriotism and faith moved the armies and navies of the Union, their families were constantly exposed to claim agents as in the conduct of their and secured to the United States a mighty future among the powers of the earth; a federation of veterans, strengthened by conflict, tried by defeat, baptised in blood, consecrated by tears, and giorified by the immortal radiance of that victory that growns the battalions of universal liberty. Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty-to these the Grand Army of the Republic is consecrated. Let every honorably discharged veteran of the United ates Army and Navy come and take his place in

> Come forward, comrades! To clasp the fraternal hand around the camp-I'o minister to the needy and destitute commute. To help the widows and orphans of these who fell beside you on the field of battle. To gather up the fragments of personal herosm, which are fast going down with the soldier's

Every day the ranks are thinning, every day the solemn knells are sounded of some comrade borne to his long resting place, of one more unmarked, unnumbered grave. Comrades, come forward!

dead, for the sons who are coming to man's estate, for the generations yet unborn, that the patriot's love and patriot's pride may flow from us like a river, to bless and benefit this whole broad land of Let the patriotic women come forward to organize for works of charity and love, as they did

For the sake of the living, for the sake of the

when their husbands, and sons, and brothers were following the old flag to the front, Toledo has already her Forsyth Post Ladies' Society, doing faithful and efficient service for the soldiers' families in the city—a society which is the right arm of the Grand Army, as the Soldiers' Aid Society and the Sanitary Commission, moved by the women of the North, were to the Government

Come forward, one and all, and organize Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the per-petuation and preservation of all that was glorious in war and excellent in peace.

All Posts of the G. A. R., the press, veterars, patriotic ladies in every city and county through-

out the State, are requested to give this order attention and circulation. JAMES B. STEEDMAN. (Official) Department Commander, HENRY S. BUNKER,

a Assistant Adjutant-General. It was upon the issnance of this notable order that the G. A. R. in Ohio began to take its booming and the women of the West to engage so generally in the charitable work of the Order. We have before us the proceedings, taken from the Toledo Blade, of the twelfth anniversary of Forsyth Post, held some four years since, when a poem was recited in which Steedman was named as one of the heroes. The account says:

At the allusion to General Steedman's coming up at Chickamauga, the fair reader was obliged to pause until the cheers had died away, only to hear them rush back again as a huge wave. Then three times the hurrahs were repeated only to be satisfied by "Old Chickamauga," rising from the platform and bowing his acknowledgements. This but indicates the enthusiasm in veteran circles that always bubbled up and boiled over at the mention of Steedman's name and the es-

General Steedman was called on, and in a neat little off-band speech, paid a glowing tribute to the mission of the Grand Army of the Republic, and its eneflecat work among the survivors of the great civil war. As one by one our comrades drop out, the general said the silver chord that binds the charmed circle should be drawn all the more closely. The kindly offices of the society should be extended all the more freely to peacefully close the eyes of the old soldiers after war's rude alarm can disturb him no more; to help cheer the steps and independence that soldier's orphan child. It had been charged, the speaker continued, that this was a political institution. Whatever it might once

Grand Army of the Republic. THE GENERAL'S FAMILY. When a comrade such as this drops from the ranks the duty of those he leaves behind grows

young school girl, who had been the nurse of his two orphaned grandchildren. To-day that little girl is a child-wife, mother of three children, with none but the comrades of the Grand Army to "help cheer the steps of his lonely widow, to help train up to usefulness and independence" those orphan children. In the light of the present the words of the departed hero

seem almost prophetic. When General Steedman married little Maggie his friends, we are told, wondered much and predicted anything but happiness, from the inequality of years. But, although more than forty years divided them, the days they spent together were days of unbroken felicity. His last days were surely his best days. Maggie was his pearl of great price, and a sweet, sunny little creature she was, who fairly worshiped the ground upon which her grand soldier lowed in placing them in the possession of the Gov- walked. Few, indeed, are the comrades who will not feel a strange tugging at the heart when they think of the poor, heart-broken wife with this great charge upon her, -five children, to clothe and feed and educate, and all on faith in soldier fidelity, the fruits of which, Heaven grant, may come, and come

AN APPEAL FOR AID. The Cleveland Penny Press, in starting the

Chickamauga relief fund, speaks to the point in the following: We do not care to detail how this Government, and people individually, have generously bestowed their respect and financial comfort upon a murdered President's family and a private soldier, who through over-wrought sentimentalism, first at the insane author of that murder, nor can we enumerate the mighty sums that have been raised to peretuate that chieftain's memory, but we do ask, have the veterans of the war, have the people whose blessings Gen. James B. Steedman offered his life to preserve, no mark of love and respect to show his memory? There should be piled above the decaying body of this old hero a monument Toledo, and the comrades of that city and other that would overlook the whole broad expanse of leading citizens have appointed a board of his mother State, and there should be inscribed upon its topmost stone the record of his generosity, mselfishness, and patriotism. What of those whom he loved in life and has left behind him, bereft of his protection and support? Has a grateful Nation no concern for them? It is said that their sudden bereavement has found them ill-prepared to battle with the new difficulties of life. Shall "Old Chickamanga," looking down from his seat beside our other heroes, stretch out his hands and say: "See, the country for which I fought, the boys with whom I stood shoulder to shoulder in those days of death and carnage, have forgotten my little ones?" In many Ohio homes there is a quiet, sad-faced woman in mourning dress, who now and then raises her eyes and gazes with tearful face at a spot over the fire-place where hangs a time-tarnished sword draped in black. Memory opens the windows to thought and before her passes a vision of a sturdy form in blue. The old sword, now bright and glistening, takes its place at the hero's side. The soldier cap is lifted, there is a smile, the vision fades away, and all in that home returns again to ess and loneliness. Death has made another such home in our midst. The heart-broken widow gathers her little ones about her knee and pictures to them the deeds of grand "Old Chickanatura." hall she tell them, too, that he lies beneath the sod unwept, unhonored by the Nation? Would it not be more to the credit of humanity could she

> As stated elsewhere, THE NATIONAL TRIB-UNE has opened a subscription for the brave young widow and the five orphaned children . and grandchildren of this true soldier and gallant officer, and we trust every subscriber to THE TRIBUNE will contribute to the fund, even if it be only a few pennies-the loving gift of some poor soldier's widow or orphan.

Address all letters-THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Chickamauga Fund. Washington, D. C.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Comrade A. C. Leonard, George H. Thomas gislators and conventions as he ever did | containing the most familiar and popular songs

and can be had for 10 cents a copy. From G. T. Putnam's Sons, N. Y., we have a compact little pamphlet of "Health Notes for Students," by Dr. Bert. G. Wilder, Professor of Physiology at Cornell and the Main Medical School. It contains, not simply a hourd of maxims, but simple rules for eating and drinking; the care of the body; the regulation of 3. To maintain true allegiance to the United rest and sleep; the wearing of clothing; the taking of exercise and when to study; the use of stimulants and narcoties, &c. It is a very handy little work, indeed, and can be had in this city of Robert Beall, No. 495, Pennsylvania

From the same publishers we have quite a pretentious work by Helen Campbell, author of Under Green Apple Roughs,"-the story General Steedman's first Circular Order, upon | which made such a success in Our Continent,-entitled "The American Girl's Home Book of Work and Play." The first part is Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, the animat- | devoted to parlor amusements, and includes not only all the favorite games of the day, but many that have become well nigh obsolete. Part II treats of out-door games, such as lawn tennis, archery, beating, betanizing, &c. Part III tells how to make dolls' dresses and the thousands of household ornaments that the fingers of bright little girls can be taught to make, as well as such light, pleasing occupations as making wax flowers, raising silk-worms, cultivating flowers and vegetables, drawing and designing, cooking, &c. The book is quite generously illustrated, and it is the only publication now in print, we believe, that gives this information in such a compact, concise and complete form. It ought to be in every house-

hold. For sale in Washington by Robert Beall. From Putnam's Sons, also, we have a capital monograph, by George J. Manson, on "Work for Women." The subjects discussed are industrial, designing, shorthand-writing, telegraphing, feather-curling, photography, professional nursing, proof-reading, type-setting and bookbinding, the drama, book-canvassing, dressmaking and teaching. The author seems to write with a full knowledge of the aptitude of women for the occupations mentioned, and whether they do or do not contemplate entering any of these occupations, our lady readers will find this series of papers well worth reading. For sale by Robert Beall, Washington,

Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, nave just issued a paper edition of "June," a new novel, by Mrs. Forrester, author of "Mignon," "I Have Lived and Loved," &c. Mrs. Forrester is a most charming novelist, and knows how to write a very entertaining story, but she delights to contrast the shady with the pleasant side of life, and a strain of sadness runs through all her works that, while it does not detract from their interest, makes them bitter-sweet. "June" is no exception, though there is more sun than shade in it, and it will be found a charming story with which to while away an idle moment.

From Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, we have the latest work by Marion Harland, the famous authority on culinary subjects, entitled lection of practical and inexpensive recipes, proved to be so by long and practical use. The general subjects treated in this work are beverages, blanc-mange, bread, cake, corn-bread. custards, cheese dishes, marble-cake, fish, fruits, jams, jellies, meats, muslins, pic-nic dishes, pickles, porridges, poultry, puddings, salads, sauce for puddings, soups, vegetables, and in addition to the instructions given as to the preparation of these dishes, familiar talks are given of country board, dish-washing, flies, kitchenly-kind, maid-of-all-work, meats, soups, stock-pot, and table manners.

THE MAGAZINES.

St. Nicholas for November offers an even greater variety of entertaining reading than usual. Apropos of the season the frontispiece is "The First Snow,"-a very spirited woodengraving,-and the number opens with a capital story of evacuation day (New York, November, 1783,) by E. S. Brocks, entitled "The Little Lord of the Manor." There are, besides, richly illustrated articles on "Benevoteem and reverence in which he was held. The lent Birds," "Snow-Shoes," "The Late Captain Mayne Reid," "The Gentleman from China," "The Bee-Man and His Original Form," by Frank Stockton, (he of the famous Rudder Grange stories), and the "Origin of the Stripes and Stars,"-an extremely interesting paper, which every soldier's son and daughter ought to read. There are many charming stories and rhymes in this number, and it is really a wonder how such a magazine can be offered for \$3 per year.

General O. O. Howard's Articles.

[Suginam (Mich.) Courier.] General O. O. Howard is writing an interesting series of personal reminiscences of the war of the rebellion for the NATIONAL TRIBUNE, a newspaper devoted to the interests of the soldier and published at Washington. The aketches of General Howard commence at West Point, where we find him at the outbreak of the war, and will follow the contest to the class. He anioved enested footh.